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RE: Improved Slidingly Engaging Fasteners and Method  
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Sir:

The following is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action of 01/10/2007.

This response comprises:

**Summary of Interview**

**Amended Claims**

**Summary and Discussion**

**Conclusion**

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Duffy, applicant pro se



APPLICANT'S SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW: 02 FEBRUARY 2007

Applicant requested clarification regarding procedure at this stage as well as regarding substance of claims and possible amendments. It is now understood that no previously withdrawn claims have been considered because not all were in proper form regarding the limits of the presently allowable generic claims. Examiner also noted that all amendments at this stage must be clearly allowable based on matter seen before.

Applicant indicated his intention to amend rejected claim 48 as directed in the OA.

Applicant indicated his intention to amend previously withdraw claims to clearly include all of the limitations of allowable generic claims.

Applicant indicated his intention to amend or cancel rejected claims 34, 44, 47, and 60 so that they each include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Examiner indicated that amendments would be considered.

Applicant queried whether any of the withdrawn claims presented a problem. Claims 7 and 8 were discussed in particular. After considerable discussion and consideration, examiner indicated that Claim 8 ( referring to stem segments conjoined into a singular stem as in Figs 1,3,7,8, and 10) should be allowable. However, Claim 7 (referring to Fig. 5) may be a problem as written as dependent on Claim 1, regarding the definition of terminology.

Regarding amending rejected claims, Examiner suggested that including the limitations of allowed generic claims other than #1 should be considered.

Examiner indicated that minor changes after next response may be handled by examiner's amendment after consultation by telephone.

*End Summary of Interview.*